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In The Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A lacrosse-stick head comprising:  
an open frame including a throat, a pair of sidewalls, and a transverse wall connecting said throat to each one of said pair of sidewalls;  
said a throat including two outer side surfaces, said throat intended to communicate with a lacrosse handle,  
a transverse wall, and  
two sidewalls, said each one of said pair of sidewalls having an inner surface and an outer surface as defined by a center line of said lacrosse handle,  
said outer surface of one of said pair of sidewalls and a respective outer side surface of said throat defining an outer surface structure,  
said outer surface structure extending outward from a respective one of said the two outer side surfaces of the throat and said one of said pair of sidewalls and connected by the said transverse wall, wherein said outer surface structure at least one of the sidewalls and an adjacent side surface of the throat are is sized, shaped, and positioned for stably rolling a lacrosse ball of the at least one of the sidewalls and onto the adjacent side surface, the portion along at least half of the its length including more than one half the length.
2. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 1, wherein said one of said pair of sidewalls the at least one of the sidewalls includes upper and lower arms and at least one connecting portion connecting the upper and lower arms.
3. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 2, wherein the upper and lower arms, the at least one connecting portion, and the adjacent outer side surface of the throat are sized, shaped, and positioned for stably rolling a lacrosse ball along the upper and lower arms throughout ~~the~~ a portion of the their length and onto the adjacent outer side surface without contacting the at least one connection portion.

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4. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 2, wherein the upper and lower arms and the at least one connecting portion are sized, shaped, and positioned for stably rolling a lacrosse ball along the upper and lower arms along substantially ~~the~~ their entire length of the at least one of the sidewalls without contacting the at least one connecting portion.

5. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 1, wherein along at least half of its ~~the portion of the~~ length includes substantially ~~the~~ its entire length.

6. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 1, wherein said one of said pair of sidewalls ~~the at least one of the sidewalls~~ includes upper and lower arms and, for at least one pitch angle of the head, the upper and lower arms cooperate to simultaneously support a lacrosse ball throughout a first range of roll angles of the open frame head and the adjacent outer side surface of the throat supports a lacrosse ball throughout a second range of roll angles of the open frame head.

7. (Original) The head of claim 6, wherein the size of the first range of roll angles is at least approximately 60 degrees, and the size of the second range of roll angles is at least approximately 30 degrees.

8. (Previously Presented) The head of claim 6, wherein the upper and lower arms cooperate to simultaneously support a lacrosse ball over a range of pitch angles.

9. (Original) The head of claim 8, wherein the size of the range of pitch angles is approximately 30 degrees.

10. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 1, wherein said one of said pair of sidewalls ~~the at least one of the sidewalls~~ includes upper and lower arms and the upper and lower arms include bases and rails extending in a direction outward from the bases and substantially perpendicular to the bases, the upper and lower arms, the

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bases, and the rails being sized, shaped, and positioned for stably supporting a lacrosse ball along the rails throughout ~~the a~~ portion of ~~the~~ their length.

11. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 1, wherein the open frame head includes a longitudinal axis and said one of said pair of sidewalls ~~the at least one of the sidewalls~~ includes a convex shape with respect to the longitudinal axis.

12. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 1, wherein the said open frame head includes a longitudinal axis and at least one of the said two outer side surfaces of the said throat includes a convex shape with respect to the said longitudinal axis.

13. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 1, wherein the said throat includes an outer upper surface having a concave depression therein, the said concave depression having a size and a shape substantially similar to the size and the shape of at least a portion of a lacrosse ball for stably supporting a lacrosse ball therein.

14. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 1, wherein the said transverse wall includes an upper edge, a lower edge positioned to be adjacent a pocket disposed on the said open frame head, and one or more projections extending downward from the said lower edge in a direction away from the said upper edge and being sized, shaped, and positioned for grabbing a lacrosse ball from a surface, the lacrosse ball being positioned between the said one or more projections and the said pocket disposed on the said open frame head upon being grabbed from the said surface.

15. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 14, wherein the said one or more projections are separated by a width less than a diameter of a lacrosse ball.

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16. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 15, wherein cross-sectional shapes of the said one or more projections include one or more of: polygonal shapes, oval shapes, and semi-oval shapes.

17. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 1, wherein the said open frame head is integrally formed from molded plastic.

18. (Currently Amended) A lacrosse-stick head comprising:  
an open frame including a throat, a pair of sidewalls, and a transverse wall connecting said throat to each one of said pair of sidewalls;  
said a throat including two outer side surfaces, said throat intended to communicate with a lacrosse handle,  
a transverse wall, and  
two sidewalls, said each one of said pair of sidewalls having an inner surface and an outer surface as defined by a center line of said lacrosse handle,  
said outer surface of one of said pair of sidewalls and a respective outer side surface of said throat defining an outer surface structure,  
said outer surface structure extending outward from a respective one of said the two outer side surfaces of the throat and said one of said pair of sidewalls and connected by the said transverse wall, said outer surface structure of said one of said pair of at least one of the sidewalls and an adjacent outer side surface of the throat forming a groove therewithin, said groove being sized, shaped, and positioned for stably rolling a ball along at least half a portion of the its length of the at least one of the sidewalls and onto the adjacent side surface, the portion including more than one half of the length.

19. (Previously Presented) The head of claim 18, wherein the ball includes one or more of a baseball, a golf ball, a lacrosse ball, a rubber ball, a spherical object ranging in size from a golf ball to a softball, a softball, and a tennis ball.

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20. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 18, wherein the said one of said pair of at least one of the sidewalls includes upper and lower arms and at least one connecting portion connecting the upper and lower arms.

21. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 20, wherein the said upper and lower arms and the said at least one connecting portion are sized, shaped, and positioned for stably rolling a said lacrosse ball along the said upper and lower arms throughout the a portion of the their length and onto the said respective adjacent outer side surface of said throat without contacting the at least one connecting portion.

22. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 20, wherein the said upper and lower arms and the said at least one connecting portion are sized, shaped, and positioned for stably rolling a said lacrosse ball along the said upper and lower arms along substantially the their entire length of the at least one of the sidewalls and onto said respective adjacent outer side surface of said throat without contacting the at least one connecting portion.

23. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 18, wherein along at least half of its the portion of the length includes substantially the its entire length.

24. (Currently Amended) A lacrosse-stick head comprising:  
an open frame including a throat, a pair of sidewalls, and a transverse wall connecting said throat to each one of said pair of sidewalls;  
said a throat including two outer side surfaces, said throat intended to communicate with a lacrosse handle,

a transverse wall, the transverse wall including an upper edge, a lower edge positioned to be adjacent a pocket disposed on the open frame head, and one or more projections extending downward from the lower edge in a direction away from the upper edge and being sized, shaped, and positioned for grabbing a lacrosse ball from a surface such that the lacrosse ball is positioned between the one or more projections and the pocket disposed on the open frame head, and

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two or more sidewalls, each of said pair of sidewalls having an inner surface and an outer surface as defined by a center line of said lacrosse handle,

said outer surface of one of said pair of sidewalls and a respective outer side surface of said throat defining an outer surface structure,

said outer surface structure extending outward from a respective one of outer side surfaces of the throat and said one of said pair of sidewalls and connected by the transverse wall.

25. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 24, wherein the said one or more projections are separated by a width less than a diameter of a said lacrosse ball.

26. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 24, wherein cross-sectional shapes of the said one or more projections include one or more of: polygonal shapes, oval shapes, and semi-oval shapes.

27. (Currently Amended) The head of claim 24, wherein the said open frame head is integrally formed from molded plastic.

28. (Currently Amended) A lacrosse-stick head comprising:  
an open frame including a throat, a pair of sidewalls, and a transverse wall connecting said throat to each one of said pair of sidewalls;  
a throat,  
a transverse wall, the said transverse wall including an upper edge and a lower edge positioned to be adjacent a pocket disposed on the said open frame head, and  
two or more sidewalls extending outward from the throat and connected by the transverse wall, wherein the said throat includes an upper surface having a concave depression therein, the said concave depression having a size and a shape substantially similar to the size and the shape of at least a portion of a lacrosse ball for stably supporting a lacrosse ball therein.